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FOR AMBASSADOR BROWN FROM ACTING LEGAL ADVISER ALDRICH

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SUBJECT: LUNCH ON JANUARY 13

1. L INFORMS ME THAT YOU HAVE REFUSED TO APPROVE REPRESENTATIONAL LUNCH I PROPOSE TO HOST ON JANUARY 13 FOR HEADS OF DELEGATIONS OF UK, FRANCE, AND CANADA TO DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON LAWS OF WAR. I AM NOT INFORMED OF YOUR REASONS, BUT I URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER. PREVIOUS CONSULTATIONS OF WESTERN COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN HELD IN LONDON AND PARIS, AND IN EACH CASE HEAD OF DELEGATION OR LEGAL ADVISER OF HOST COUNTRY HAS HOSTED LUNCH. AS YOU KNOW, I AM HEAD OF US DEL AND WILL STILL BE ACTING LEGAL ADVISER ON JANUARY 13. FAILURE TO OFFER LUNCHEON WILL REFLECT ADVERSELY ON USG.

2. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, I NOTE THAT, IN THE SIX MONTHS I HAVE BEEN ACTING LEGAL ADVISER I HAVE HOSTED ONE LUNCH SPONSORED BY PROTOCOL AND HAVE SPENT PERHAPS SEVENTY DOLLARS FROM DISCRETIONARY FUNDS FOR ENTERTAINMENT. I CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY THERE SHOULD BE ANY QUESTION ABOUT THE JANUARY 13 LUNCH. EILTS

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